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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 883
By Walker

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ms. Corinne Gould
upon being crowned the All-American Quarter
Horse Congress Queen.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who bring beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative person is Ms. Corinne Gould of Spring City who was crowned the new All-American Quarter Horse Congress Queen at the 2001 Quarter Horse Congress held in Columbus, Ohio in October, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Cori competed in the four-day event against twenty-five other state association queens from across the United States and Canada to bring home the title, which had previously not been won by a Tennessean since 1988; and

WHEREAS, Cori participated in a series of competitions, including a personal interview, a written exam, and horsemanship to achieve the great honor; in addition to her prestigious title, Cori was awarded prizes worth several thousands of dollars, including a new Exciss two-horse,

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slant-load custom horse trailer and a Billy Cook custom saddle. Her American Quarter Horse, Crystalline Cross, will also be featured as a limited edition Peter Stone model; and

WHEREAS, she has already made several guest appearances nationwide, including having appeared several times on ESPN-2 during a segment of "America's Horse" and in an HBO special scheduled to air soon; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gould is currently a Junior at Middle Tennessee State University, where she is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Electronic Media Journalism with a double minor in Speech and English; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award is her second national title, as Ms. Corinne Gould represented Tennessee in the Eastern National 4-H Horse Project Public Speaking competition in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Cori is active in her community and contributes numerous community service hours as the All-American Quarter Horse Congress Queen; she has made personal guest appearances at fairs and parades across this state and the nation and has been a featured guest speaker for civic, church, and government groups. She also presents inspirational, goal-oriented programs geared toward youth groups, 4-H clubs, and school assemblies; her programs also feature a video presentation of the All-American Quarter Horse Congress and using the American Quarter Horse; and

WHEREAS, the largest single breed horse show in the world, the All-American Quarter Horse Congress is the third largest convention in the United States only to be out-attended by the Republican and Democrat National Conventions. Over twenty-one days, more than 8,000 horses are shown for millions of dollars in prize money and the honor of being a "Congress Champion"; and

WHEREAS, Cori exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, her many achievements aside, Corinne Gould is most appreciative of the love and unending support she receives from her family; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Corinne Gould for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee as the reigning All-American Quarter Horse Congress Queen, extending our congratulations to her on winning the coveted title, and offering our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.